BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 9 January 2006 at 4:00 PM. The joint meeting with the Finance Committee took place in the Nantucket High School Cafeteria, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Brian Chadwick, Michael Glowacki, Bruce Watts and Whiting Willauer. Doug Bennett was absent. Chairman Glowacki called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

<u>Presentation of FY 2007 General Fund Budget</u>. Town Administrator Libby Gibson introduced the presentation to include the Board of Selectmen recommendations noting some items necessarily subject to updates. She briefly gave a budget overview, reviewed supplemental requests and provided additional information regarding capital requests. She also reviewed the free cash use policy and distributed budget books to Finance Committee members present.

Chairman Glowacki offered observations on statewide activity in relation to Town's needs specifically noting placing costs where generated as with the Comprehensive Wastewaste Management Plan and basing budgets on firm numbers. He noted difficult issues before the Town and the Board's interest in meeting with the Finance Committee regarding the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. He referenced the new growth amount in the budget and the wish to use this for new services rather than for meeting existing expenses. He indicated the Board's resolve to face issues, noted the calendar and requested that the Finance Committee provide recommendations in a timely matter for the voters. He further noted the Board's goals in sync with its mission statement and the support of these via the budget. He welcomed thoughts from the Finance Committee.

School Committee Chair Sue Genther and Deputy Superintendent Bob Pellicone gave school budget process updates. Ms. Gibson reviewed the Finance Committee meeting schedule. Discussion followed on the public hearing date for presentation of warrant articles and on information supplied in the budget books. Discussion followed on free cash certification process and pending issues, such as "comparison numbers to put overall numbers in context." Finance Director Connie Voges noted that the budget books include information helpful to this request. Finance Committee Chairman Rick Atherton noted that Committee member Lindsey Perry would spend time to better understand health and pension costs. Discussion followed on anticipated the Town's needs and associated costs. Ms. Gibson gave a status report on the FY 2006 Reserve Fund. A brief discussion followed on school expenses. Mr. Atherton noted the next Finance Committee meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Approved the 18th day of January 2006.